

COUNTY SOCIETIES.

Alameda County.

The regular monthly meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held in the Hotel Metropole Tuesday evening, December 13th. Thirty members were present.

Dr. A. Galbraith's name was added to our list of members.

Dr. W. A. Clark, Supt. of County Hospital, related the history of the following case of carcinoma of the stomach:

Carpenter, aged 57. History of chronic indigestion for past four years, accompanied by loss of weight and development of muscular weakness; no pain or vomiting. Two weeks previous to admittance to hospital patient noticed a tumor in epigastrium and this led him to consult a surgeon. Operation July 21, 1904, disclosed a large growth involving a part of the greater curvature and posterior wall of the stomach. A resection of the middle portion of the stomach was done, drainage established and the abdominal wound sutured. The wound was completely healed in sixty-seven days and patient was discharged from hospital. The present condition of the patient is good; he has gained sixteen pounds in weight and can partake of a very general diet without any distress.

The second paper was read by Dr. Smith on the subject of "Hemorrhoids." The doctor reviewed the etiology, pathology and symptomatology of this condition and described the various operations for its relief. Both papers brought out considerable discussion on the part of the members present.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, for the safety and welfare of the public an uniformly high standard of graduate nurses is indispensable; and,

Whereas, this standard can best be obtained by State registration of nurses and accrediting of training schools for nurses; and,

Whereas, the California State Nurses' Association has been laboring to bring about these desirable objects and has asked for our co-operation and support in the matter. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Alameda County Medical Association heartily endorse and promise our energetic support to the movement now on foot for a State registration and examination of graduate nurses, as incorporated in a bill now being prepared by the California State Nurses' Association; and that we earnestly request our representatives in the State legislature to vote for and energetically support the said bill; and that the Secretary of this Association be, and he hereby is instructed to mail a copy of these resolutions to the representatives of this and neighboring districts.

J. M. SHANNON,
A. S. KELLY,
Publication Committee.

Butte County.

The regular monthly meeting of the Butte County Medical Society was held Saturday evening, November 12th, at the offices of Dr. Moulton. Those answering roll call were: Drs. Stansbury, Gatchell, Hull, Perdue, Johnson, Musgrove, Spurgeon, Browning, and Moulton.

A communication was read from a practitioner in Gridley, Butte County, stating that a man named Dr. Gridley is now practicing medicine in the town of Gridley. It was referred to a committee on investigation.

A committee appointed to draft resolutions showing the society's views on compulsory vaccination met and agreed upon the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, There is a movement started to repeal the law which requires all children to be successfully vaccinated before entering the public schools of the State of California; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Butte County Medical Society unite with the other county societies and the Medical Society of the State in positively affirming the great need and utility of retaining the said law in force, as it is well established that vaccination properly done is not dangerous to health or life, and assuredly checks the spread of smallpox effectually in proportion to the percentage of the population that is scientifically vaccinated

THOS. W. MUSGROVE,
L. C. PERDUE,
B. F. SPURGEON,
Committee.

The paper of the evening was read by Dr. D. H. Moulton, on "Erysipelas." Much discussion followed, especially on the manner of treatment.

D. H. MOULTON, Secretary.

Orange County.

The Orange County Medical Association met in regular session, Tuesday evening, December 6th. Drs. Jesse M. Burlew and G. A. Shank were elected to membership. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions endorsing the resolutions adopted by the State Society in regard to ethical advertising, especially in the *Journal A. M. A.*

The secretary was instructed to notify the Orange County assemblyman and State senator that this society was unanimous in opposing alteration of the present State law regulating the practice of medicine, also that this society was in favor of compulsory vaccination.

Dr. J. I. Clark read the paper of the evening, the title being, "Proprietary Medicines." The Doctor condemned in emphatic terms the use of secret formulae remedies by physicians. In the discussion, all agreed that the better plan was to formulate your own prescription to meet the needs of each individual case, and not to look to the manufacturing pharmacist to tell you what particular "shot-gun" combination to prescribe.

H. S. GORDON, Secretary.

San Francisco County.

The regular meeting for December was called to order by the President, Dr. Rixford, at 8:30 P. M., on the 9th. The first order of business was the presentation of annual reports. The Committee on Ethics reported that four charges, involving eleven members of the Society had been heard, and that all of these, with one exception, related to general conditions that are as yet rather undetermined. It recommended that consideration of such questions be continued, and the effort made to clear them up.

The Librarian reported that the library had been something more than doubled during the year, and now contains some 3,367 volumes. Twenty-nine hundred dollars had been spent upon the library during the year, and as much more should be expended during the coming year. A considerable part of this sum had been required for cases, etc. Donations to the library are earnestly requested.

The Secretary reported that there were 502 members, and that during the year 5 died, 5 resigned, 3 were dropped and 3 moved away; 112 new members had joined during the year.

The Finance Committee reported that the expenses of the Society during the year had exceeded its income by several hundred dollars, and the Society ought to economize in its expenses or increase its dues.

The Trustees reported that the balance last year was \$7,256.98, and that \$242.78 had been received as interest, and \$2,964.00 drawn out.

The Treasurer's report agreed with the reports of the Secretary and the Finance Committee.

Dr. George Ebright presented some patients, with myxedema, and his remarks were discussed by Dr. D'Arcy Power.

Dr. R. D. Cohn read a paper on "The Operative Treatment of Laryngeal Polypi," in which he recommended the more general use of the electro-cautery.

Dr. Dudley Tait read a paper on "The Elastic Ligature and the Ligature Method; Historical and Experimental Data." Numerous specimens were shown. The paper gave a very full review of the work that has been done on this line of investigation, and reported the author's findings after a large series of experimental operations on dogs. His conclusion was that the method had a distinct field of usefulness, though a very limited one, and that it will be found to be a satisfactory surgical procedure within its limitations.

Dr. Harry M. Sherman opened the discussion on Dr. Tait's paper, and expressed himself as regarding it as one of the papers of the Society. The statements made by the author were clear, and the specimens which he exhibited demonstrated the truth of his statements. He thought the simplicity of the procedure must appeal to every one, and that it had many points to recommend it. The time required to produce anastomosis will preclude its use in many cases; in others its numerous advantages recommend the method.

Dr. J. Henry Barbat said that he had used the method only on dogs; he did not feel inclined to use it on men, for its field is too limited. He regarded with a certain amount of suspicion the reports of many eastern operators, for he believed that many of them operated on trivial and unimportant complications which the surgeons of this section of the country would not meddle with.

Dr. T. W. Huntington referred to the growth of all new processes and the gradual crystalization of the idea. He complimented the author very highly upon his work and his paper. He concluded from the matter presented that surgeons generally would not use the method as an ordinary proceeding.

Dr. Tait, in closing the discussion, agreed with Dr. Barbat in the opinion that many operators desired to report large numbers of operations, and so were rather inclined to operate when it was not at all necessary. In this country he thought surgery rampant, and much harmful work was being done.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. F. B. Carpenter, reported on the work being done in the prosecution of quacks.

Dr. T. W. Huntington presented a bill which had been prepared by the nurses and which it is their intention to have presented at the coming session of the Legislature, creating a Board of Examiners, registration of nurses, etc., and moved that the San Francisco Medical Society endorse the application of the nurses to the Legislature, and aid them so far as possible in securing the law.

On motion, the Society endorsed the resolutions passed by the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, protesting against the repeal of the compulsory vaccination law, and referred the matter to the Committee on Public Health.

Notices were filed that at the next meeting motions would be made to appropriate \$250 as a retaining fee for the Society's attorney, and \$1,000 for the library fund.

The amendment to raise the dues to \$10 per year came up for consideration and was defeated. There was some misunderstanding about it, however, and notice of a reconsideration was filed.

The Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, Dr. Geo. H. Evans, introduced the following proposed amendments to the By-Laws, and moved that their consideration be made the special order of business for 9 p. m. at the next meeting of the Society.

Amend the By-Laws as follows:

Article XXII to become Article XXIII.

By-Law passed May 10, 1904, beginning "It shall be contrary," repealed.

New By-Law, to be known as Article XXII, as follows:

No member of the San Francisco County Medical Society may use, or permit or allow his name to be used on or in connection with any advertising matter circulated, issued or presented to the laity by, or

authorized by, any institution, organization or corporation. This By-Law shall not apply to advertising statements in official publications of County, State or National medical organizations, nor to the annual reports or announcements of medical schools, colleges, hospitals and benevolent societies.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sonoma County.

The meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held on the evening of the 8th inst. in the office of the Secretary, Dr. G. W. Mallory.

Dr. Harry S. Delamere of Cloverdale (by transfer card from Humboldt County Medical Society) was elected to membership. Applications were received from Drs. Bruce Cockrill and E. A. Byron, and were referred to the Board of Censors.

We are now more than one year old, and have a membership of fifty-five out of a possible seventy.

The resolution sent to every physician in the County since our last meeting (November 13th) was passed.

Several speeches were made on "The Good of the Profession in Sonoma County," and at 11 p. m. the following officers were elected for the new year: President, Geo. Ivanovich; Vice-President, A. McG. Stuart; Secretary, G. W. Mallory; Treasurer, J. H. McLeod; Censor, S. S. Bogle (for three years).

We anticipate an interesting meeting January 13th, as the installation of the new officers will take place, and the work for the year will be outlined. The meeting will be held in Dr. Mallory's office, Santa Rosa, on January 13, 1905, at 8 p. m.

San Bernardino County.

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held on the 14th inst. The annual election of officers took place and resulted as follows: President, Chas. C. Browning; Vice-President, George H. Scott; Secretary, J. M. Hurley; Treasurer, Wesley Thompson.

San Joaquin County.

The regular meeting for November was held at the office of Dr. H. W. Taggart, who read a paper on "Surgical Shock." The use of ergot in the treatment of shock was especially recommended by Dr. Taggart. In a recent case of severe shock he had employed this drug, and found it exceedingly valuable in addition to other valuable remedies.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the residence of Dr. H. E. Sanderson.

Drs. S. B. Davis, Minerva Goodman, Soltan F. Calhoun were elected to membership. The addition of these names to the roster gives the San Joaquin County Society an additional delegate in the House of Delegates in the State Society.

BARTON J. POWELL, Secretary.

Yolo County.

At the regular meeting of the Yolo County Medical Society, held December 6th, resolutions were passed endorsing the action of the council and officers of the State Society in adopting the preamble and resolution anent proprietary remedies.

A resolution was also passed, directed to the assemblyman representing this section, urgently requesting him to prevent any alteration of the present State Medical Law. Each member of the society was instructed to see our representative individually upon this matter.

W. E. BATES, President.

Grand Prize for Pharmaceuticals.

We are advised that the firm of Wm. R. Warner & Co., Philadelphia, have been awarded the grand prize, the highest award, at the St. Louis Exposition. We certainly congratulate them upon their success, and ourselves that an American manufacturer should receive the award.